

Capsule Summary

SM-883

Old State Highway Authority Garage

Leonardtown

Public

circa 1940

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-883

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Old State Highway Authority Garage

2. Location

street and number S side Point Lookout Rd. just E of int. with Newtowne Neck and Maypole Rds. ☐ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown ☒ vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mayor and Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland

street and number PO Box 1 telephone N/a

city, town Leonardtown state Md zip code 20650-0001

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-126, P-85

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 1386 folio 367

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	4
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	4
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The State Highway Authority Garage is located on the south side of Point Lookout Road near its intersection with Maypole and Newtowne Neck Roads. Oriented on a north/south axis, the garage is situated on a 25,264 square foot lot that straddles MacIntosh Run and a new gas station and fast food restaurant. The parcel is almost entirely paved and the garage stands right beside the road. Aside from the garage, there are two other contributing buildings on the lot. A circa 1960s cinder block equipment garage and an administrative office lie to the south of the garage. The property is bounded to the east by MacIntosh Run, to the north by Point Lookout Road, to the west by a new gas station and fast food restaurant, and to the south by Newtowne Neck Road.

The State Highway Authority Garage building is a one story, three bay, rusticated concrete block building probably erected circa 1940. The roof, covered with corrugated metal is pierced by an interior brick flue.

The primary or north elevation is pierced on the first floor by a centrally located garage door flanked on either side by a six-over-six, double-hung sash window. The east side of the elevation also features a door and the west side exhibits an exterior end chimney flue. The attic is illuminated by a pair of windows that are now covered over. Each of the openings feature concrete lintels. The west side of the building is pierced by four six-over-six windows. A series of vertical projections on this and the east side provide added structural stability to the curtain-wall constructed building. The east side of the building is pierced by a door and three six-over-six windows. The rear or south elevation of the building features a central garage door flanked to the east by a six-over-six window and to the west by a door. A pair of six-over-six windows illuminate the attic.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>25,264 sq. ft.</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>same</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Leonardtown</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24 000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is bounded to the east by MacIntosh Run, to the north by Point Lookout Road, to the west by a new gas station and fast food restaurant, and to the south by Newtowne Neck Road. A more specific description of the property's boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 1386, Folio 367.

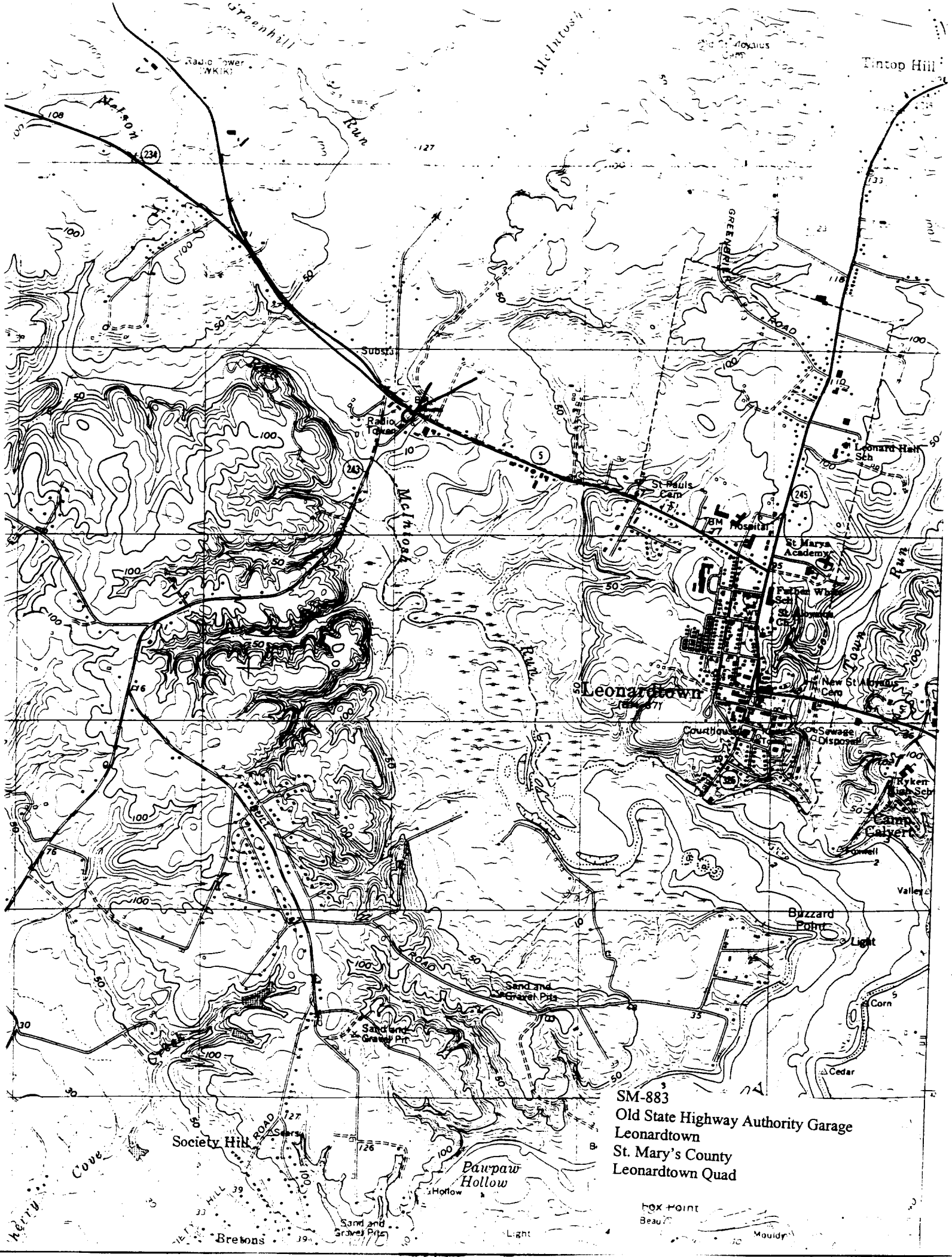
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
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city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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